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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : S. S. Mignosa

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1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
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DATE: 10/6/75
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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
IS - ARGENTINA

Political Matters - [illegible]

Per attached teletype dated 10/6/75, Legat, Buenos Aires, reported information from an official of the Federal Police of Argentina as follows:

During the afternoon of October 5, eighteen Montonero guerrillas forced an aerolineas Argentinas Boeing 737 on a flight to Corrientes, Argentina, to land at Formosa, Northern Argentina where they had anticipated picking up compatriots who were being held in prison at Formosa. However, an attack on the prison earlier on October 5 had been repulsed by prison guards.

Also, on the afternoon of October 5, the Montoneros made an attack against an Argentine Army Infantry regiment based at Formosa to divert attention from the attack being made at the prison.

When the Montoneros realized the attempted rescue of their companions from prison had failed, they forced the pilot of the Boeing 737 to take off from Formosa and land at a ranch in Santa Fe Province resulting in severe damage to the plane.

All the passengers were released unharmed after landing at the ranch but ensuing battle resulted in the death of 16 of the terrorists while military casualties numbered ten.

The Legat, Buenos Aires, pointed out that this is the first large scale operation by the Montoneros who previously engaged only in urban guerrilla activities.

It is noted that the Montoneros are sometimes known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias - FAR) and are a Marxist leaning Peronist terrorist group which hopes to inherit control of the Peronist revolutionary factions.

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Re: Argentine Terrorist Activities

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Dissemination has been made to U. S. State Department, CIA and U. S. Secret Service.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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